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MEDICAL EVACUATION CONDUCTED BY RANGERS

Grand Teton National Park rangers evacuated a 17 year-old male resident of New York City by helicopter from the Lower Saddle on Monday morning, August 27. The young man experienced tachycardia (rapid heart rate) while descending the Owen-Spalding route of the Grand Teton, during a guided climb with Exum Mountain Guides.

Rangers received a call for medical assistance from an Exum guide at approximately 8:25 a.m. The climbing party continued their descent to the Lower Saddle. Two park rangers, with medical equipment, flew aboard the park's contract helicopter to meet the party at the saddle and assess the teenager's condition. The patient was flown to Lupine Meadows by 10:28 a.m. and transported in a park ambulance to St. John's Medical Center for evaluation. He was subsequently treated and released from St. John's.

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